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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Barry Bosworth, Chief Financial Officer at Stamford Tent & Event Services in Stamford, Connecticut.

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to HB-6187, which as I understand it would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

During our busiest periods of the year we have approximately 100 hourly employees working here. Providing each of them one hour of paid time off for every 40 hours worked would be an undue burden on our company. This would be an extremely costly requirement during a time when our company along with many others in Connecticut will be challenged to operate profitably in the current depressed economic climate.

We urge you to reject this proposal and not make it more difficult for the business community in Connecticut to control our labor and workplace costs. Thank you.

Signed,

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